

Never shying away from the tough conversations, Phil was a leading reformer, pioneering significant efforts like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) during his time as Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. He was a staunch advocate of free-market policies and remained dedicated to simplifying the tax code. Phil was an influential member of the Committee and helped pave the way for meaningful reform that we are still fighting for today.

What's more, Phil was just as personable as he was outspoken, two qualities that forged friendships on both sides of the aisle. It is no secret that Phil was an undeniable presence in any room he entered, often remembered for his knack for storytelling and entertaining punch lines.

Phil was a one-of-a-kind force to be reckoned with, and I am honored to have known him, both personally and professionally. I am deeply saddened by his passing, but know his legacy will continue to impact Congress for many years to come.

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HONORING COMMUNITY LEADER,  
JOSEPH SCHER, UPON HIS 90TH  
BIRTHDAY

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**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Joseph Scher, my constituent and local leader, on his 90th birthday and a lifetime of service to his community.

Prior to moving to Santa Barbara in 1981, Joe was a successful businessman in Chicago, serving as President of the Chicago Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and as Director of the Birchwood Club.

Once in Santa Barbara, Joe continued his commitment to community service, devoting considerable time to local charities and the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara. His first job at the Jewish Federation was Chairman of the Annual Drive for Funds followed by serving as Vice President for over a decade as well as participating on countless committees within the Jewish community. Under Joe's leadership, the Jewish Federation set a new fundraising record and gradually grew in size and strength. Today, the Jewish Federation is a thriving organization and great source of pride, offering wonderful activities and programs for the entire community.

Joe also dedicated his time and efforts to the broader Santa Barbara community, serving as Chairman of Camarada Pacifica, President of the Santa Barbara City College Foundation, and Director of Speaking of Stories.

Today, we celebrate Joe's inspiring spirit and thank him for his many contributions to the Santa Barbara community. Thank you for decades of service, good will, and achievement.

IN MEMORY OF CONGRESSMAN  
PHILIP M. CRANE

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement to honor the distinguished life and career of Congressman Philip M. Crane. I was fortunate enough to serve with Phil not only in the House but also on the Ways and Means Committee. He was in his third decade of public service when I was just starting out, and so I considered Phil a role model. While in Congress, Phil shaped several trade agreements as chairman of the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee. He also helped to found the Republican Study Committee, of which I am a proud member. Outside of Congress, Phil was a loving husband and father, an accomplished scholar, and a proud veteran.

Phil was an exceptional leader, and his legacy will serve as an inspiration for conservatives and all public servants for generations to come.

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HONORING UNDER SHERIFF  
DERRICK CUBIT

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**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable enforcement officer and community servant, Under Sheriff Derrick Cubit.

Derrick Cubit was born on a warm, sunny day of September 1, 1970 in Jackson, MS. As a youngster, he lived in Hazlehurst, Mississippi with his mother, Bobbie, his brother, Travis, and his late grandmother, Sarah.

Derrick Cubit started school when he was six-years-old. He went to kindergarten through fifth grades at Hazlehurst Elementary, attended Hazlehurst Middle School, and graduated from Hazlehurst High School in 1988. He continued his education by attending Hinds Community College and Jackson State University where he majored in Criminal Justice.

"Life has been a means of friends and family who you can trust and who trusts you," says Mr. Cubit. He is pretty happy with what life brings and is accustomed to being around primarily adults, those who he received wisdom from. He met lots of people who invested and took time with him, and helped him to excel at most of his many and various hobbies. He did well in school because of this and fortunately, self-awareness was something that was learned later on in his years.

Under Sheriff Cubit is a member of the Phi Beta Fraternity and of the Golden Square Lodge #88. There was always an interest in being a public servant, and he finally got an opportunity to work for the Copiah County Sheriff Department in October of 1997. He gives all thanks to the late Chief Deputy Joe L. Young, who gave him the opportunity to become a Deputy Sheriff with the Copiah County Sheriff Department. The trend was set by just meeting his potential, and taking on new challenges when someone brought it to his atten-

tion that he'd be perfect for the opportunity to work through the ranks at the Sheriff Department. He started out being a Deputy Sheriff, later was promoted to Juvenile Officer, after that he was promoted to Captain of Patrol, and now he serves as the Under Sheriff for the Copiah County Sheriff Department.

Under Sheriff Cubit always assumed he'd never get married because he was a hard worker and thought that if he was tied down by the constraints of a wife and kids his work might hinder family growth. But then, he met the beautiful Ms. Semekia Jones in 1994 and they agreed to marry in 2001. He had one son before this union and now his new family role suits him as being a father and husband. He's driven to spur his son on to even greater accomplishments.

Despite a lifetime of challenges and accomplishments Under Sheriff Cubit has held on to a quote by James Baldwin: "The world is before you, and you need not take it or leave it as it was when you came in." His goal is to achieve what James Baldwin speaks about. Although he would question, "How?" he believes that the moment his son entered this world, he then knew that he had achieved it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Under Sheriff Derrick Cubit for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF FIRST CHURCH  
OF NEWPORT NEWS (BAPTIST)

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**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a continuing legacy of faith and community in Virginia's Third Congressional District. This year, First Church of Newport News (Baptist) in Newport News, Virginia is celebrating its sesquicentennial, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed institution and its contributions to the greater Newport News community.

First Church of Newport News (Baptist) holds the distinction of being the first form of organized religion located within the original city limits of Newport News. In fact, it predates the city by 32 years, having been originally organized in 1864 as First Baptist Church by the Reverend Thomas Poole of Isle of Wight County. The small wood framed church located under what is now the 28th Street Bridge was a spiritual home for many slaves, freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, whose only exposure to Christianity had come from their previous masters.

Under Reverends Carr and Cooley, the church moved its location to 23rd Street and Jefferson Avenue and continued to grow. Under Reverend William H. Dixon in 1897, planning and construction began on the new church building that would house the church for most of the 20th century. The impressive structure would include a steeple that was believed to be the highest in Newport News and was a landmark on the city skyline for decades.

A church is more than its building, and First Baptist's ministry in Newport News continued to expand under Reverends Harris, Taylor and